

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Withdrawn) The α -isomaltosylglucosaccharide-forming enzyme of claim 54, which is obtained from a microorganism of the genus *Bacillus* selected from the group consisting of *Bacillus globisporus* C9, FERM BP-7143, and mutants thereof and having the following physicochemical properties:
 - a. Molecular weight about 140,000 + 20,000, Daltons on SDS-PAGE;
 - b. Isoelectric point (pI) about 5.2 + 0.5 on isoelectrophoresis using ampholine;
 - c. Optimum temperature
 - (i). About 40°C when incubated at a pH of 6.0 for 60 minutes;
 - (ii). About 45°C when incubated at a pH of 6.0 for 60 minutes in the presence of 1 mM Ca^{2+} ;
 - d. Optimum pH about 6.0 to 6.5 when incubated at 35°C for 60 minutes;
 - e. Thermal stability

- (i). Stable up to a temperature of about 35°C when incubated at a pH of 6.0 for 60 minutes;
- (ii). Stable up to a temperature of about 40°C when incubated at a pH of 6.0 for 60 minutes in the presence of 1 mM Ca^{2+} ;
and
- f. pH stability stable at pHs of about 4.5 to 9.0 when incubated at 4°C for 24 hours.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The α -isomaltosylglucosaccharide-forming enzyme of claim 54, wherein said saccharide, having a glucose polymerization degree of at least two and having the α -1, 4 glucosidic linkage as a linkage at the non-reducing end, is one or more members selected from the group consisting of maltooligosaccharides, maltodextrins, amyloextrins, amyloses, amylopectins, soluble starches, liquefied starches, and glycogens.

Claims 4 - 47. (Cancelled)

48. (Withdrawn) The α -isomaltosylglucosaccharide-forming enzyme of claim 54 which is obtained from a microorganism of the genus *Arthrobacter* selected from the group consisting of *Arthrobacter globiformis* A19, FERM BP-7590, and mutants thereof and having the following physicochemical properties:

- a. Molecular weight about 94,000 + 20,000 Daltons on SDS-PAGE;
- b. Isoelectric point (pI) about 4.3 + 0.5 on isoelectrophoresis using ampholine;
- c. Optimum temperature
 - (i). About 60°C when incubated at a pH of 8.4 for 60 minutes;
 - (ii). About 65°C when incubated at a pH of 8.4 for 60 minutes in the presence of 1 mM Ca^{2+} ;
- d. Optimum pH about 8.4 when incubated at 35°C for 60 minutes;
- e. Thermal stability
 - (i). Stable up to a temperature of about 55°C when incubated at a pH of 8.0 for 60 minutes;
 - (ii). Stable up to a temperature of about 60°C when incubated at a pH of 8.0 for 60

minutes in the presence of 1 mM Ca^{2+} ;

and

- f. pH stability stable at pHs of about 5.0 to 9.0
when incubated at 4°C for 24 hours.

Claims 49 - 51. (Cancelled)

52. (Withdrawn) The α -isomaltosyl-glucosaccharide-forming enzyme of claim 54 which is obtained from a microorganism of the genus *Bacillus* selected from the group consisting of *Bacillus globisporus* C11, FERM BP-7144 and mutants thereof, said enzyme having the following physicochemical properties:

- a. Molecular weight
About 137,000 + 20,000 Daltons on SDS-PAGE;
- b. Isoelectric point (pI)
About 5.2 + 0.5 on isoelectrophoresis using ampholine;
- c. Optimum temperature
(i) about 45°C when incubated at a pH of 6.0
for 60 minutes;
(ii) about 50°C when incubated at a pH of 6.0
for 60 minutes in the presence of 1 mM
 Ca^{2+} ;

d. Optimum pH about 6.0 when incubated at 35°C for 60 minutes;

e. Thermal stability

(i) Stable up to a temperature of about 40°C when incubated at a pH of 6.0 for 60 minutes;

(ii) Stable up to a temperature of about 45°C when incubated at a pH of 6.0 for 60 minutes in the presence of 1mM Ca^{2+} ;

f. pH stability

Stable at pHs of about 5.0 to about 10 when incubated at 4°C for 24 hours.

53. (Currently Amended) The α -isomaltosyl-glucosaccharide-forming enzyme of claim 54 which is obtained from a microorganism of the genus *Bacillus* selected from the group consisting of *Bacillus globisporus* N75, FERM BP-7591 and mutants thereof, ~~said enzyme having the following physicochemical properties:~~

~~a. Molecular weight~~

~~About 136,000 + 20,000 Daltons on SDS-PAGE;~~

~~b. Isoelectric point (pI)~~

~~About 7.3 + 0.5 on isoelectrophoresis using~~

~~ampholine;~~

~~c. Optimum temperature~~

~~(i) About 50°C when incubated at a pH of 6.0
for 60 minutes;~~

~~(ii) About 55°C when incubated at a pH of 6.0
for 60 minutes in the presence of 1 mM
Ca²⁺;~~

~~d. Optimum pH~~

~~About 6.0 when incubated at 35°C for 60 minutes;~~

~~e. Thermal stability~~

~~(i) Stable up to a temperature of about 45°C
when incubated at a pH of 6.0 for 60
minutes;~~

~~(ii) Stable up to a temperature of about 50°C
when incubated at a pH of 6.0 for 60
minutes in the presence of 1mM Ca²⁺;~~

~~f. pH stability~~

~~Stable at pHs of about 5.0 to about 9.0 when
incubated at 4°C for 24 hours.~~

54. (Currently Amended) A purified α -isomaltosylglucosaccharide-forming enzyme which forms a saccharide having a glucose polymerization degree of at least three and having both the α -1,6 glucosidic linkage as a linkage at the non-reducing end and the α -1,4 glucosidic linkage other than the linkage at the non-reducing end, by catalyzing α -glucosyl-transfer from a saccharide having a

glucose polymerization degree of at least two and having an α -glucosidic linkage at the non-reducing end; which enzyme ~~has~~ comprises an ~~a partial~~ amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:11 or SEQ ID NO:18 as a partial amino acid sequence; said enzyme being incapable of forming dextran, said enzyme being inhibited by EDTA, and said enzyme activated by Ca^{2+} and Mn^{2+} ; ~~and~~ thermal stability of said enzyme being improved by Ca^{2+} ; and said enzyme having the following physicochemical properties:

a. Molecular weight

About 136,000 \pm 20,000 Daltons on SDS-PAGE;

b. Isoelectric point (pI)

About 7.3 \pm 0.5 on isoelectrophoresis using
ampholine;

c. Optimum temperature

(i) About 50°C when incubated at a pH of 6.0
for 60 minutes;

(ii) About 55°C when incubated at a pH of 6.0
for 60 minutes in the presence of 1 mM
 Ca^{2+} ;

d. Optimum pH

About 6.0 when incubated at 35°C for 60
minutes;

e. Thermal stability

(i) Stable up to a temperature of about 45°C

when incubated at a pH of 6.0 for 60

minutes;

(ii) Stable up to a temperature of about 50°C

when incubated at a pH of 6.0 for 60

minutes in the presence of 1mM Ca²⁺;

f. pH stability

Stable at pHs of about 5.0 to about 9.0 when

incubated at 4°C for 24 hours.